

Amendment to the Claims

1-3. (Cancelled)

4. (Currently Amended) An image reader comprising:

a document table having a platen plate which is made from a translucent member and placed in an upper surface of said document table;

a document table cover supported at an upper end of said document table in a pivotable manner;

a first image sensor provided in said document table;

a sensor drive mechanism for actuating said first image sensor in parallel with said platen plate;

a document moving mechanism for causing a document to move along a document transport path formed in said document table cover;

a second image sensor fixed to said document table cover so as to be situated at a position above said document transport path,

wherein a track of said document which moves through said document transport path passes through a scan point, which is a focal point of said first image sensor achieved when said first image sensor is situated at a standby position,

wherein a portion of said document transport path located downstream from said scan point is divided into a first path and a second path;

transport switching means, disposed at a location where said document transport path is

divided, for switching said track of the document moving through said document transport path between said first and second paths;

The image reader according to claim 2, further comprising:

document thickness detection ~~means, means which~~ is disposed upstream of said scan point, ~~for detecting and detects~~ the thickness of ~~said the~~ document to move through said document transport path; and

control means for performing a control operation to switch~~for switching~~ said transport switching means to said first path when the thickness of ~~the~~said document detected by said document thickness detection means is greater than a predetermined threshold value and to switch~~for switching~~ said transport switching means to said second path when the thickness of ~~said the~~ document detected by said document thickness detection means is smaller than said predetermined threshold value.

5. (Currently Amended) An image reader comprising:

a document table having a platen plate which is made from a translucent member and is placed in an upper surface of said document table;

a document table cover supported at an upper end of said document table in a pivotable manner;

a first image sensor provided in said document table;

a sensor drive mechanism for actuating said first image sensor in parallel with said platen plate;

a document moving mechanism for causing a document to move along a document transport path formed in said document table cover;

a second image sensor fixed to said document table cover so as to be situated at a position above said document transport path,

wherein a track of the document which moves through said document transport path passes through a scan point, which is a focal point of said first image sensor achieved when said first image sensor is situated at a standby position,

wherein a portion of said document transport path, located downstream from said scan point, is divided into a first path and a second path;

transport switching means, disposed at a location where said document transport path is divided, for switching said track of the document moving through said document transport path between said first and second paths,

wherein said first path is formed in parallel or substantially in parallel to said track of said document transport path at a position upstream of said scan point, and said second path is formed so as to be turned upward;

The image reader according to claim 3, further comprising:

document thickness detection means, means which is disposed upstream of said scan point, for detecting and detects the thickness of the said document to move through said document transport path; and

control means for performing a control operation to switch for switching said transport switching means to said first path when the thickness of the said document detected by said

document thickness detection means is greater than a predetermined threshold value and to
switch~~for switching~~ said transport switching means to said second path when the thickness of the
~~said~~ document detected by said document thickness detection means is smaller than said
predetermined threshold value.

6. (New) An image reader comprising:

a document table having a platen plate which is made from a translucent member and is
placed in an upper surface of said document table;

a document table cover supported at an upper end of said document table in a pivotable
manner;

a first image sensor provided in said document table;

a sensor drive mechanism for actuating said first image sensor in parallel with said platen
plate;

a document moving mechanism for causing a document to move along a document
transport path formed in said document table cover,

wherein a track of the document which moves through said document transport path
passes through a scan point, which is a focal point of said first image sensor achieved when said
first image sensor is situated at a standby position,

wherein a portion of said document transport path located downstream from said scan
point is divided into a first path and a second path;

transport switching means, disposed at a location where said document transport path is

divided, for switching said track of the document moving through said document transport path between said first and second paths;

document thickness detection means, disposed upstream of said scan point, for detecting the thickness of the document to move through said document transport path; and

control means for performing a control operation to switch said transport switching means to said first path when the thickness of the document detected by said document thickness detection means is greater than a predetermined threshold value and to switch said transport switching means to said second path when the thickness of the document detected by said document thickness detection means is smaller than said predetermined threshold value.

7. (Currently Amended) An image reader comprising:

a document table having a platen plate which is made from a translucent member and is placed in an upper surface of said document table;

a document table cover supported at an upper end of said document table in a pivotable manner;

a first image sensor provided in said document table;

a sensor drive mechanism for actuating said first image sensor in parallel with said platen plate;

a document moving mechanism for causing a document to move along a document transport path formed in said document table cover,

wherein a track of the document which moves through said document transport path

passes through a scan point, which is a focal point of said first image sensor achieved when said first image sensor is situated at a standby position,

wherein a portion of said document transport path located downstream from said scan point is divided into a first path and a second path;

transport switching means, disposed at a location where said document transport path is divided, for switching said track of the document moving through said document transport path between said first and second paths,

wherein said first path is formed in parallel or substantially in parallel to said track of said document transport path at a position upstream of said scan point, and said second path is formed so as to be turned upward;

document thickness detection means, disposed upstream of said scan point, for detecting the thickness of the document to move through said document transport path; and

control means for performing a control operation to switch said transport switching means to said first path when the thickness of the document detected by said document thickness detection means is greater than a predetermined threshold value and to switch said transport switching means to said second path when the thickness of the document detected by said document thickness detection means is smaller than said predetermined threshold value.

8. (New) An image reader comprising:

a document table having a platen plate which is made from a translucent member and placed in an upper surface of said document table;

a document table cover supported at an upper end of said document table in a pivotable manner;

a first image sensor provided in said document table;

a sensor drive mechanism for actuating said first image sensor in parallel with said platen plate;

a document moving mechanism for causing a document to move along a document transport path formed in said document table cover;

a second image sensor fixed to said document table cover so as to be situated at a position above said document transport path,

wherein a track of the document that moves through said document transport path passes through a scan point, which is a focal point of said first image sensor when said first image sensor is situated at a standby position,

wherein a portion of said document transport path, located downstream from said scan point, is divided into a first path and a second path; and

transport switching means, disposed at a location where said document transport path is divided, for switching said track of the document moving through said document transport path between said first and second paths,

wherein said first path is formed in parallel or substantially in parallel to said track of said document transport path at a position upstream of said scan point, the document traveling through said first path is directly output externally of said document table cover, and said second path is formed so as to be turned upward so that the document traveling through said second path

is directly output externally of said document table cover.

9. (New) An image reader comprising:

a document table having a platen plate which is made from a translucent member and placed in an upper surface of said document table;

a document table cover supported at an upper end of said document table in a pivotable manner;

a first image sensor provided in said document table;

a sensor drive mechanism for actuating said first image sensor in parallel with said platen plate;

a document moving mechanism for causing a document to move along a document transport path formed in said document table cover,

wherein a track of the document that moves through said document transport path passes through a scan point, which is a focal point of said first image sensor when said first image sensor is situated at a standby position,

wherein a portion of said document transport path, located downstream from said scan point, is divided into a first path and a second path; and

transport switching means, disposed at a location where said document transport path is divided, for switching said track of the document moving through said document transport path between said first and second paths,

wherein said first path is formed in parallel or substantially in parallel to said track of said

document transport path at a position upstream of said scan point, the document traveling through said first path is directly output externally of said document table cover, and said second path is formed so as to be turned upward so that the document traveling through said second path is directly output externally of said document table cover.

10. (New) An image reader according to claim 8, wherein said first path includes a first outlet port directed to a rear side of said document table cover, and the second path includes a second outlet port directed to a front side of said document table cover.

11. (New) An image reader according to claim 9, wherein the first path includes a first outlet port directed to a rear side of said document table cover, and the second path includes a second outlet port directed to a front side of said document table cover.